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THE RURAL DISTUCT COUNCIL OF ONGAR.

ANNUIL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1944.

FYFIELD,

Ongar.

The Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen of the Ongar Rural District Council.

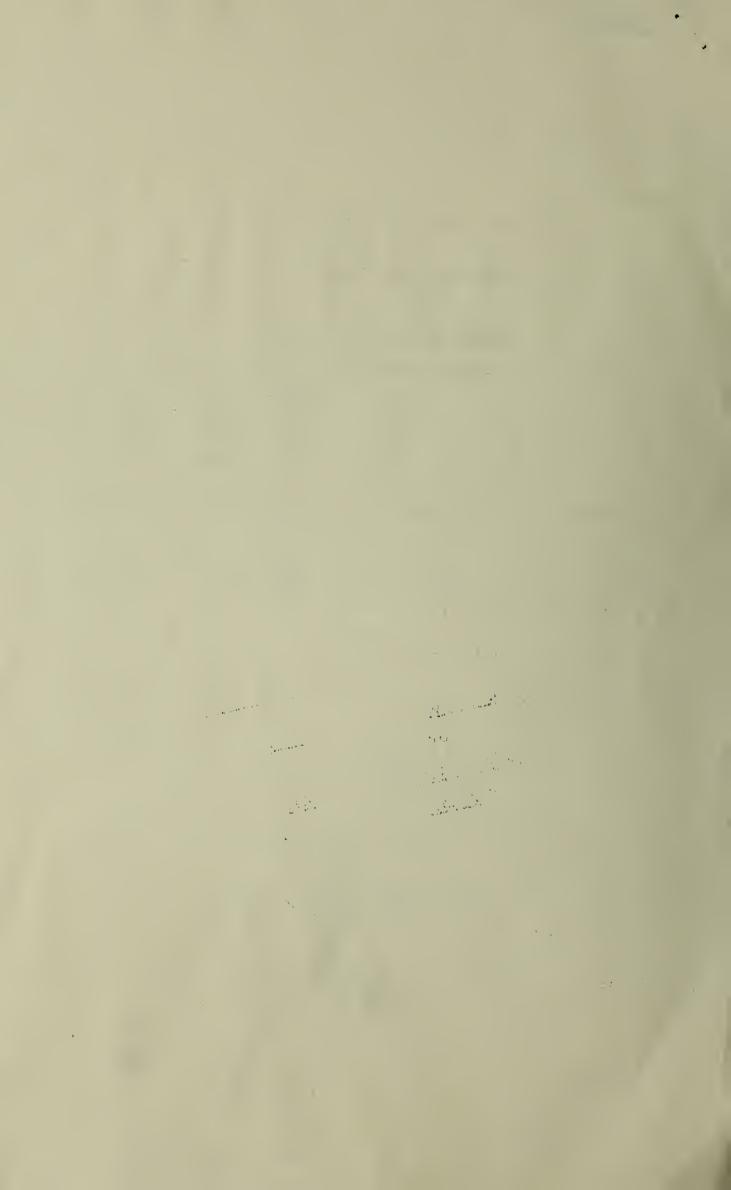
I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report on the Health of the District for 1944.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A.S. DAVID.

M.O.H.



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APPUNDIK.

1944.

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres. 47,712. Population (estimated) 13,000

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND GENERAL CHARACTERS.

Average hight above Sea Level 200 ft. Preponderating character of soil, London Clay. Rivers, Roding and tributaries.

Number of inhabited houses 1944 - 4233.

The rateable value 1944 - £58,326.

Sum represented by a penny rate - £236.

Chief occupation of inhabitants, Agriculture.

VITAL STATISTICS.

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Live Births (Legitimate 139 120 (Illegitimate 6 9 Stillbirths	
Rate per 1000 births Birth rate per 100 population Deaths (all ages) Death rate per 1000, all ages	24.9 20.
Deaths from Childbirth O (Sepsis (Other causes	
Per 1000 births	12
Deaths from measles whooping cough Epidemic Diarrhoea Cancer	0.

No cause of sickness has been specially noteworthy during the year.

Poor law Relief is given to the amount of £1500, yearly,

HOSPITALS.

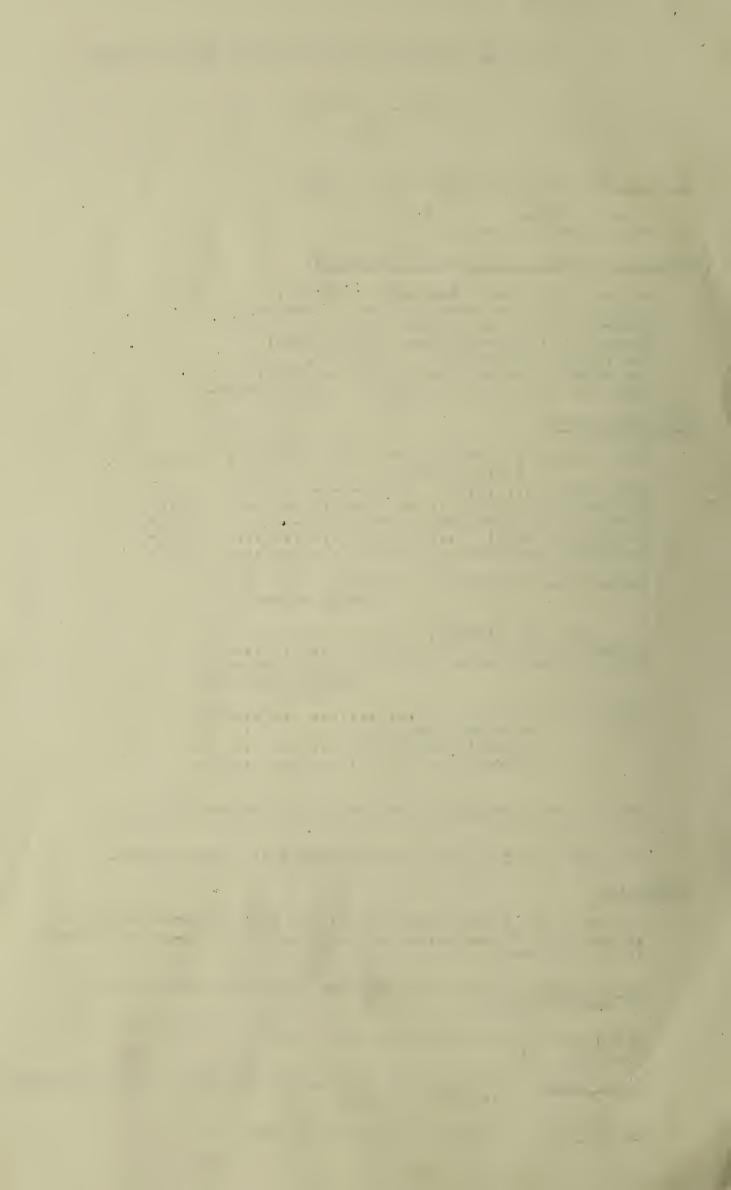
The Ongar War Memorial Hospital is in active operation and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council are ex-officio Members of the Committee.

Tuberculosis. Many cases are sent to Sanatoriums provided by the County Council.

Maternity Children } No provision, Ongar Hospital 6 beds.

Fever cases. Patients are sent under agreement to the Chelmsford Isolation Hospital.

Small Pox. Patients go to Orsett Hospital.



The Council possesses a Motor Ambulance, thich is freely used.

Institutional provision for unaarried wothers.

None.

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

A 6hild Welfare Centre is held fortnightly in the Parish Room, Abridge, and another at Chipping Ongar was opened in April, 1927. Clinics are held in connection with these.

Day Nurseries. None.

School Clinics. Under arrangement.

Tuberculosis Dispensaries. None. Patients attend at Epping.

Veneral Disease. Patients go to the Chelmsford and London Hospitals.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health. A.S. DAVID, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. Part time. Contribution to salary by Essex County Council.

Sanitary Inspector. P.R.B. PERCE, C.R.S.I. Wholetime. Contribution to salary by Essex County Council.

A Health Visitor is maintained by the Essex County Council.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

General. A nurse is maintained in Ongar by voluntary subscriptions. The six District Nurses do a good deal of nursing apart from maternity work. Grants are made by the County for the Nursing Association.

Measles. In the case of an epidemic the Medical Officer of Health has power to employ a temporary nurse for the care of patients in their homes. Occasional severely complicated cases go to the Isolation Hospital.

Chemical Work. No special arrangement. The Medical Officer of Health examines samples of water for fitness. Bacteriological examinations are done by the Counties Public Health Laboratory.

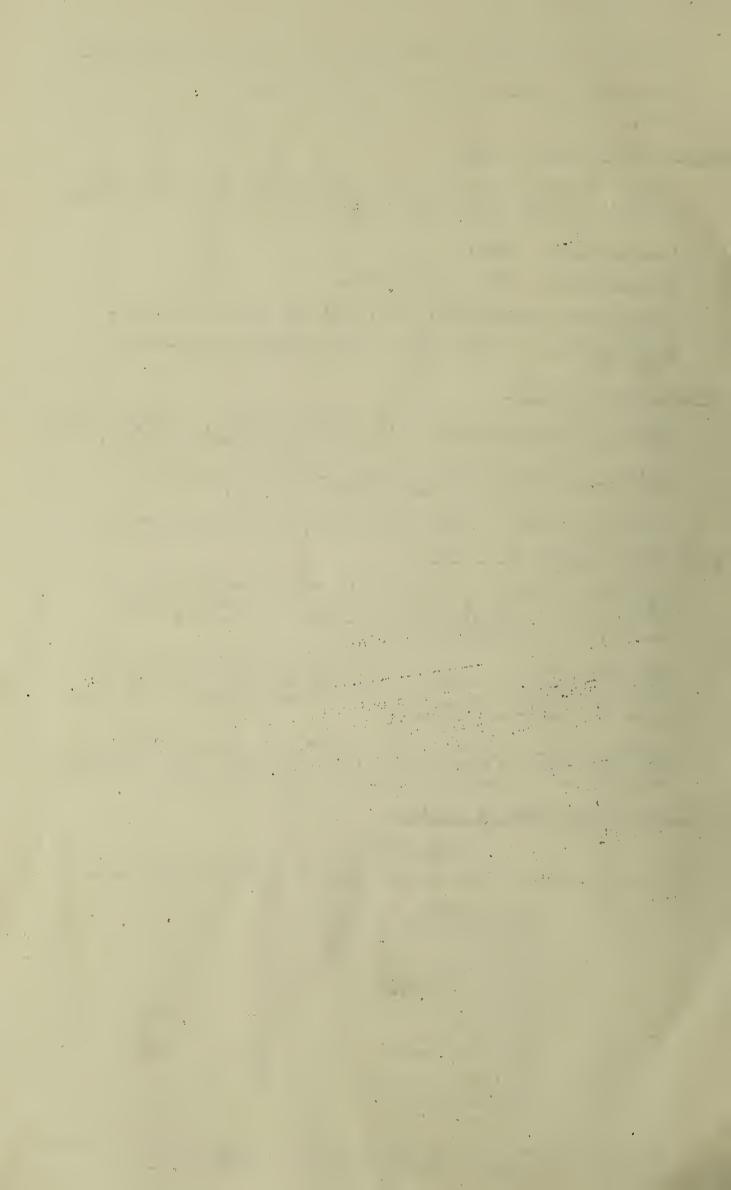
SANITARY CIRCUMSTINCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

Parishes supplied entirely or mostly by Company's mains are:-

Bobbingworth
Chipping Ongar
Pyfield.
Greensted.
High Ongar.
Kelvedon Hatch.
Lambourne.
Moreton.
Stondon Massey.
Stanford Rivers.
Shelley.
Stapleford Abbotts.
Theydon Mount.
Willingale.

The Council have their own scheme for the supply of water to the Parishes of Blackmore and Doddinghurst and Willingale.



The supply is constant and satisfactory. The water is derived from deep wells in the chalk at Sawbridgeworth and on analysis has been found pure.

22 houses were connected to mains in 1944.

The Parishes of :-

Abbess Roding
Berners Roding
Norton Mandeville
High Laver (Parts)
Navestock (Parts)
Little Laver
Stapleford Tawney
Shellow Bowells.

are mostly dependant of shallow wells for supply. Isolated cottages often have no well and either use surface water near to hand or obtain water by consent of neighbours at some distance. Such cases form roughly 6% of all cottages.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

The disposal plant for modern treatment of Ongar Sewerage is in working order at Stanford Rivers and recent tests have shown safficient working purification.

These works receive sewerage from Chipping Ongar, Shelley, High Ongar, and a large part of Stanford Rivers with facilities for drainage of Stondon Massey and Relvedon Hatch by further extensions.

The Abridge Sewage Outfall Works continue to provide satisfactory purification.

At Moreton the sewage is treated by continuous filtration through clinker beds, and is quite often satisfactory, though this village should be connected to Ongar Sewer.

At Blackmore the old contact beds are still in existence. There is no doubt that new works are required here and the matter has been referred to the Engineer, who has prepared a scheme which is now before the Council. Renewed complaints made this matter one of urgency.

CLOSET ACCOMODATIONS.

The general policy where there are no sewers is to provide houses with pail closets and to convert existing privies to pail closets.

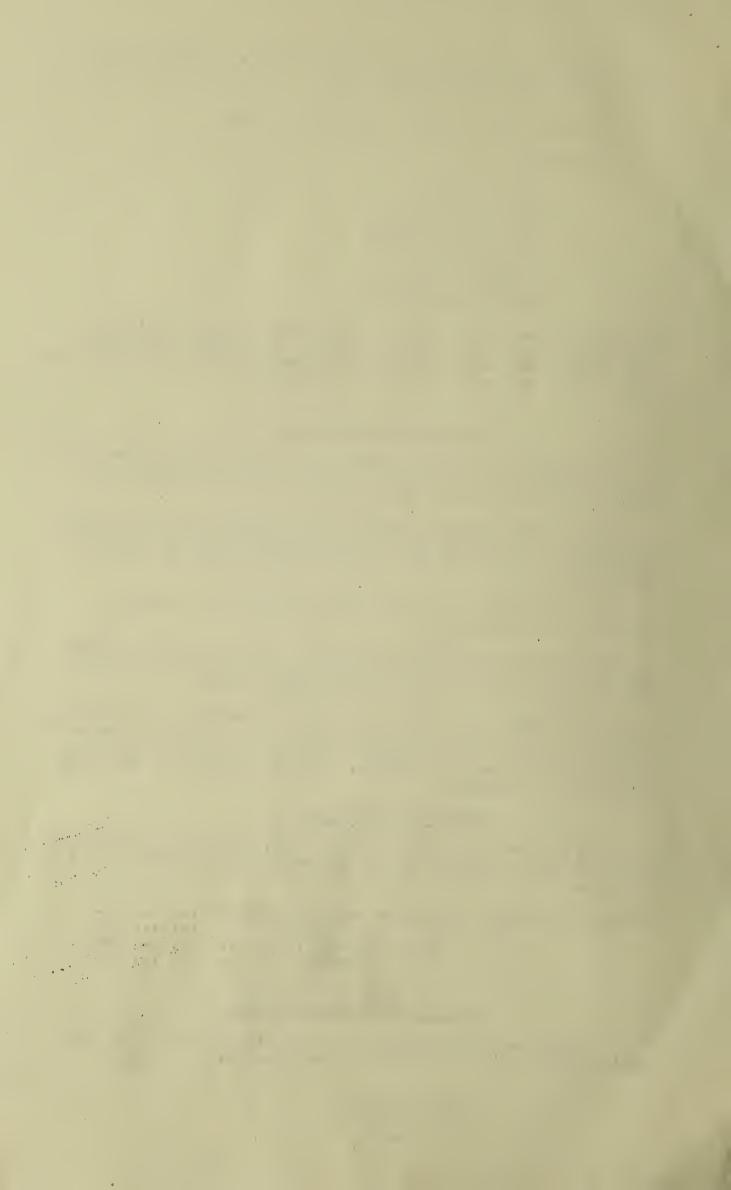
Approximate	number	of	privies with open middens	0.
11	0	- 11	" closed "	0.
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ii .	il	li	water closetsl	235.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA.

A large number of inspections are made jointly with the Sanitary Inspector, whose report is appended.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action.



SCHOOLS.

These have been visited and found in good sanitary order.

RAG FLOCK ACTS.

There are no premises in the area for manufacture of rag flock.

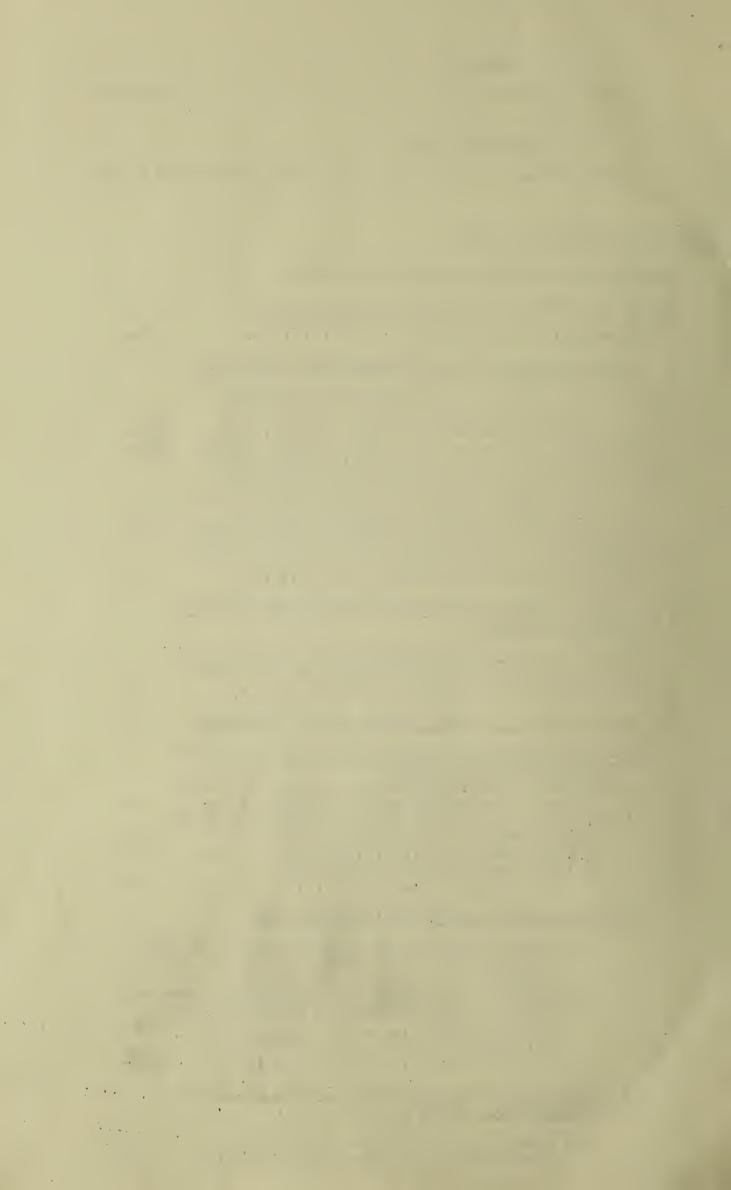
HOUSING STATISTICS for 1944.

Number	of	new	houses	erected	during	1944.

(1) (2)	By the Local Authority	6.
ı.	INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.	•
(1)	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	260.
(2)	(a) Number of inspections made for the purpose (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under Sub-Head (1) above) which were inspected	315.
(3)	and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925)	0.
2. 1	REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.	
	Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority and their Officers	٥.
3,0.	ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YELR. A - Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of	
	the Housing Act, 1950: (1) Number of dwellinghouses in repect of which notices were served requiring repairs (2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered after service of formal notices:	0,
	(a) By owners	10.
	B - Proceedings under Public Health Acts:	
	 (1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of who notices were served requiring defects to remidied (2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defect remidied after service of formal notices (a) By Owners (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners 	be O. s were
	C - Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930.	
	(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of	

which Demolition orders were made ...

0.



•	(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	· o.
	D - Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act,	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0.
	(2) Number of separate teaements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having	0
	been rendered fit	0.
4.	HOUSING ACT, 1935, OVERCROWDING.	
	(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	80. 100.
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	500.
	(b) Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0.
	(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved (1) during the year	0.
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases.	0.
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INSPECTI	ION OF FOOD.	
	Milk Supply.	
as t test	eneral supervision is exercised over Dairies and Cowshed to cleanliness and construction. Milk for sale is also ted for cleanliness. Many samples have been taken during year.	
	ood deal of attention has been given to the water supply lairies, which in some instances have been made satisfac	
biol	Essex County Council have taken samples of Milk for logical examination for tubercle from 85 farms in the difference gave a positive result. 10 results were inconci	
	samples examined for nactorial tests in connection with ply to children in schools.	
	Meat.	
	Inspections made daily as routine work.	
	Surrenders of unsound meat during 1944) .
	Shops are supervised as to cleanliness generally	•
	No public slaughterhouse exists.	
	Number of public slaughterhouses in use - 31st December, 1944	
	Registered	5.
	Licensed	9.
	Also L Knackers Yard.	

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Bakehouses.

These have all been inspected and found to be in satisfactory state,

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER THEFOTTOUS DISEASES.

This year has been characterised by average incidence of infectious disease. The Schick test has been used and immunisation carried out on children coming to the Ongar Childrens Home, and the West Ham School, Fyfield, Diphtheria Immunisation is provided free to children generally and about 75% have been immunised with gratifying results, in the almost total abolition of the disease.

Pathological and Bacteriologocal specimens are sent to the E.M.S. Hospital, Epping. Examinations are paid for by the County Council.

Cases of infectious diseases are investigated personally by the M.O.H. or jointly with the S.I.

Scarlet Fever cases are now increasingly allowed to be nursed at home instead of being removed to Mosptial.

An epidemic of Influenza occurs every winter and is usually mild in type.

No provision is made for the cleansing of verminous persons, the went is felt occasionally, especially for persons affected by scabies; bad cases of this disease are sent to St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping.

NOTIFIABLE DISMASES, 1944.

Disease.	Number Notified.	Sent to Hosp.	Deaths.
Small Pox	0.	0.	٥.
Scarlet Fever	16.	8.	0.
. Diphtheria	0.	Ο.	0.
Enteric Fever	0.	0.	٥.
Puerperal Fever	0,	0.	0.
n Pyrexia	0.	0.	0.
Pneumonia	0,	6.	10.
Erysipelas	0.	0.	0.
Measles	Gl.	0.	0.

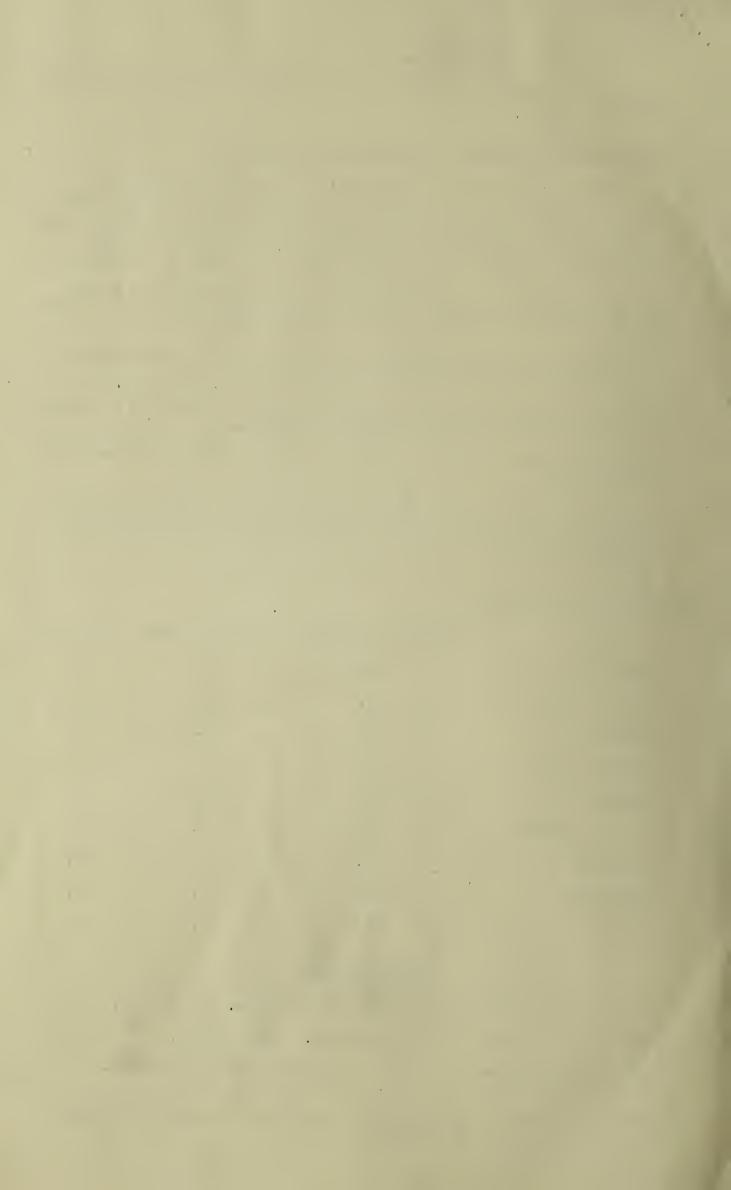
TUBERCULOSIS.

Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations 1925. No action.

Public Health Act, 1925. Section 62. No action.

Tuberculosis Schemes. Essex County Scheme in operation.

Veneral Disease. Patients are sent to Chelmsford and London Hospital.



MA TERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

A Health Visitor is provided by the County Council and resides in Ongar.

Six District Nurse. Mid-wives reside in the district, and others from outside practice in the area.

Infant Welfare Centres are held at Abridge and at Ongar.

Puerperal Fever is rare.

"Pyrexia
Ophthalmia Neomatorum.
Measles.
Poliomyelitis

No death in 1944.
No cases " "
No cases notified in 1944.
No deaths from this disease, 1944.
No cases in 1944.

A.S. DAVID.

Medical Officer of Health.

